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Video Evidence Suggests Kenosha Shooter Rittenhouse Acted in Self-Defense

Kyle Rittenhouse, the 17-year-old who went to Kenosha with a semi-automatic rifle to help protect the city and its residents and businesses from Antifa and Black Lives Matter terrorists, faces murder and other charges in the shooting death of two rioting thugs and the wounding of a third.

Rittenhouse couldn't have known that men who attacked him were violent or dangerous criminals, as court records show.



But video evidence suggests he fired in self defense. One carried a semi-automatic pistol. The thugs might have killed him.

Sex Offender Jo-Jo

The man Rittenhouse shot in the head was one Joseph D. Rosenbaum, [portrayed in](#) the media as a good fellow with a fiancée and daughter. He might have had a fiancée and daughter, but he was not, as the media tell us, trying to protect Kenosha from a man with a gun.

[Video shows](#) an unhinged Rosenbaum, also known as Jo-Jo, taunting Rittenhouse and/or other militia members before the shooting. "Shoot me, ni**a. Shoot me, ni**a."

Later, Rosenbaum, 36, is seen chasing and attacking Rittenhouse, who turned and shot him in the head. But Rosenbaum was a little more than a fiancé and father. He is also a convicted sex offender, the [sex-offender registry in Wisconsin shows](#).

His sex-offender registration began August 15, 2017 and says he was "non-compliant," meaning he hadn't given authorities his address.

In 2002, Rosenbaum was sentenced to 12-and-half years in prison for sex with a minor, [Bailbonds HQ reports](#). Prison officials cited him for disciplinary violations 42 times.

Rosenbaum was required to register for the rest of his life.

A GoFundMe account [has raised](#) more than \$7,000 for the ex-con.

Domestic Abuser, Skateboarding Hero

The second rioter who made himself a target was Anthony M. Huber. [He was](#) something of a local skateboarding legend, and a GoFundMe page is collecting money for his "partner," one Hannah Gittings.

After the Rosenbaum shooting, [video posted at the Times shows](#) Rittenhouse trying to escape a mob of rioters. When Rittenhouse fell, Huber sprinted forward to attack with his skateboard. Rittenhouse shot him in the chest.

Huber was a dangerous, violent offender. In 2012, [he pleaded guilty](#) to two felony domestic abuse charges: strangulation and suffocation, and false imprisonment, use of a dangerous weapon.



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Prosecutors dismissed a third felony and three other violent misdemeanor charges.

In 2015, the angry skateboarder [pleaded no contest](#) to possession of drug paraphernalia. He violated probation in 2016, and [pleaded guilty](#) to misdemeanor domestic abuse in 2018.

At this writing, a GoFundMe campaign [has raised](#) more than \$100,000 for Gittings.

Court records show that a Hannah J. Gittings [has an outstanding arrest warrant](#), issued August 13, for driving on a revoked license in June. Her license was revoked for refusing to be tested for consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance when she was [picked up](#) for drunk driving in February.

Drunk With a Gun

The man shot in the arm, [another reputed good guy](#) named Gaige Paul Grosskreutz, [is seen](#) in the *Times's* video carrying a semi-automatic handgun.

Rittenhouse shot him after he shot Huber, and Grosskreutz is seen running away, screaming obscenities, and calling for a "medic."

In 2017, [Grosskreutz pleaded guilty](#) to carrying a firearm while intoxicated and [no contest](#) to driving on a suspended license. In 2013, a wider Internet search for court records shows, [he faced](#) a felony and three misdemeanor charges in connection with a burglary.

A search of the Wisconsin court system did not return information about that case.

A GoFundMe effort for Grosskreutz [has raised](#) more than \$11,000.

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